GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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MAIDS SENT ABROAD ILLEGALLY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of maids are being sent to gulf countries illegally by various agencies;

(b) if so, the number of cases noticed by the Government during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to stop this menace; and

(d) the action taken against those agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During the last three years 115 cases were noticed by the Government.

(c): The Government has, inter-alia, issued instructions barring recruitment of housemaids below thirty years of age, restricting/enforcing strict screening of housemaid for employment in certain countries and have also written to the Home Secretaries of all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to issue appropriate instructions for checking such illegal activities of unscrupulous agents.

(d): Reports are filed with the concerned Police authorities who take-up investigation and prosecution of those agencies/persons found involved in such illegal activities.